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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 24 Percent from Last Year

On September 1, 2009, Arizona had 275,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, the same as last month, but down 87,000 head from a year ago. This remains the lowest inventory since October 1, 2003. Placements totaled 28,000 head during August, a decrease of 5,000 head from a year ago. During August, the number of head marketed was 27,000, the same as last August.

On September 1, 2009, California had 455,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 50,000 head from last year, but up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 53,000 head during August, a 16,000 head increase from last August. Marketings of fed cattle totaled 46,000 head, an increase of 1,000 head from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.9 million head on September 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent below

September 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.11 million, 2 percent above 2008. Net placements were 2.06 million head.

During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 425,000, 600-699 pounds were 395,000, 700-799 pounds were 515,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 775,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.81 million, 4 percent below 2008. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of August since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 55,000 during August, 12 percent above 2008.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2008-2009

State	Number on Feed 1/					Placements			Marketings			Other Disappearance		
	Sep 1, 2008	Aug 1, 2009	Sep 1, 2009			During August			During August			During August 2/		
			Number	as % of 2008	as % of Aug	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
AZ	362	275	275	76	100	33	28	85	27	27	100	1	1	100
CA	505	450	455	90	101	37	53	143	45	46	102	2	2	100
CO	770	850	860	112	101	190	205	108	165	190	115	5	5	100
ID	180	195	195	108	100	45	42	93	44	40	91	1	2	200
IA	470	510	510	109	100	72	74	103	75	73	97	2	1	50
KS	2,090	1,920	2,050	98	107	520	550	106	430	405	94	10	15	150
NE	1,960	1,920	2,020	103	105	445	460	103	395	350	89	10	10	100
NM	167	D/	D/	D/	D/	27	D/	D/	23	D/	D/	1	D/	D/
OK	305	310	325	107	105	70	73	104	54	56	104	1	2	200
SD	165	190	185	112	97	28	36	129	32	40	125	1	1	100
TX	2,580	2,510	2,510	97	100	510	500	98	510	490	96	10	10	100
WA	138	138	140	101	101	36	31	86	30	28	93	1	1	100
Other Sts 3/	305	369	357	X/	97	48	58	X/	54	65	X/	4	5	X/
US	9,997	*9,637	9,882	99	103	2,061	2,110	102	1,884	1,810	96	49	55	112

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

3/ Includes unpublished New Mexico totals for 2009.

* Revised.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Comparison to 2008 is not applicable.

August Milk Production Down 0.2 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 14.6 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from August 2008. July revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was down slightly from July 2008. The July revision represented a decrease of 13 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,743 pounds for August, 25 pounds above August 2008.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.37 million head, 143,000 head less than August 2008, and 28,000 head less than July 2009.

Milk Cows and Production: by State, August 2008-2009

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	185	171	1,755	1,760	325	301	-7.4
CA	1,846	1,782	1,840	1,820	3,397	3,243	-4.5
CO	130	123	1,930	1,980	251	244	-2.8
FL	120	114	1,240	1,320	149	150	0.7
ID	555	548	1,970	1,940	1,093	1,063	-2.7
IL	102	102	1,455	1,530	148	156	5.4
IN	166	167	1,605	1,670	266	279	4.9
IA	215	215	1,660	1,700	357	366	2.5
KS	117	116	1,710	1,725	200	200	
KY	352	357	1,860	1,920	655	685	4.6
MI	465	469	1,565	1,620	728	760	4.4
MN	112	106	1,110	1,180	124	125	0.8
MO	337	320	1,920	2,000	647	640	-1.1
NM	626	618	1,690	1,715	1,058	1,060	0.2
NY	280	278	1,520	1,570	426	436	2.3
OH	115	114	1,645	1,665	189	190	0.5
OR	548	545	1,590	1,610	871	877	0.7
PA	425	420	1,605	1,680	682	706	3.5
TX	85	83	1,810	1,835	154	152	-1.3
VT	140	135	1,535	1,520	215	205	-4.7
VA	97	96	1,410	1,460	137	140	2.2
WA	245	236	1,990	2,005	488	473	-3.1
WI	1,252	1,257	1,650	1,705	2,066	2,143	3.7
23-State Total	8,515	8,372	1,718	1,743	14,626	14,594	-0.2

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Release Dates For Upcoming National Reports

October 16.....Cattle on Feed
October 20.....Milk Production
October 23.....Livestock Slaughter
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U.S. Hog Inventory Down 2 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2009 was 66.6 million head. This was down 2 percent from September 1, 2008 but up 1 percent from June 1, 2009.

Breeding inventory, at 5.87 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down 2 percent from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 60.8 million head, was down 2 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2009 pig crop, at 28.8 million head, was down 2 percent from 2008 and down 1 percent from 2007. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 4 percent from 2008 and down 5 percent from 2007. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.70 for the June-August 2009 period, compared to 9.51 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.80 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Record High Pork Production for August

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.08 billion pounds in August, down slightly from the 4.10 billion pounds produced in August 2008.

Beef production, at 2.18 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.78 million head, down 4 percent from August 2008. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,293 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.6 million pounds, 6 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 76,700 head, down 3 percent from August 2008. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from last year, at 234 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.87 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.34 million head, up 1 percent from

August 2008. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 268 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.3 million pounds, was up slightly from August 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 202,900 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, unchanged from August a year ago.

January to August 2009 commercial red meat production was 32.5 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: Arizona and U.S., August 2008 and 2009 and July 2009 1/

Class	August 2008	July 2009	August 2009	August 2009 as % of 2/	
				August 2008	July 2009
ARIZONA 2/					
Total Red Meat	33,900	32,200	30,700	91	95
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
UNITED STATES					
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,266.8	2,270.5	2,184.2	96	96
Veal	11.2	10.8	10.6	94	97
Pork	1,803.9	1,828.3	1,868.4	104	102
Lamb & Mutton	13.3	13.9	13.3	100	95
Total Red Meat 3/	4,095.2*	4,123.5	4,076.6	100	99

*Revised.

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Breakdown by class not available; includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

3/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona and U.S., January - August 2009 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - August			January - August		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight
	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
Cattle	349.3	447,816	1,288	22,281.1	28,593,155	1,288
Hogs	0.9	207	224	74,035.0	20,008,496	270

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

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September Farm Prices Received Index Unchanged From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 127 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from August. The Crop Index is down 3 points (2.0 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for milk, onions, grapes, and apples and lower prices for wheat, soybeans, barley, and potatoes. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal

change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of soybeans, corn, apples, and peanuts offset decreased marketings of cattle, broilers, wheat, and grapes. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 27 points (18 percent) from September 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 126, increased 1 point (0.8 percent) from last month but decreased 25 points (17 percent) from September 2008.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The September Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 176 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from August but 14 points (7.4 percent) below September 2008. Lower prices in September for

complete feeds, mixed fertilizer, herbicides, and feeder cattle offset higher prices for concentrates, LP gas, feeder pigs, and potash & phosphorus.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, September 2008 and 2009 and August 2009

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		September 2008 Entire Month	August 2009 Entire Month	September 2009 Mid-Month	September 2008 Entire Month	August 2009 Entire Month	September 2009 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	61.10	47.70	48.40
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	230.00	---	396.70	196.70	164.30
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	185.00	110.00	105.00	175.00	111.00	110.00
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	60.00	47.00	45.00	54.80	45.70	44.10
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	101.00	82.00	85.00	99.30	85.10	85.90
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	74.80	60.30	60.20	94.20	80.60	80.80
Calves	\$ Cwt	112.00	110.00	103.00	113.00	110.00	107.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	17.70	11.50	12.30	18.20	12.00	12.70

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.

2/ Not available for Arizona.

3/ Mid-month.

4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

5/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

6/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2008		2009	
	August	September	August	September
Prices Received	156	154	127	127
Prices Paid	191	190	176	176
Ratio 1/	82	81	72	72

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.